

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A connection element for attaching a planiform or dish-shaped component to a supporting structure having a first retainer mounted on the supporting structure thereon, the connection element comprising:
 - a holder coupled to the component;
 - an anchorage part including a screw thread coupling the anchorage part with the first retainer adjustably in at least a Z-translational direction in relation to a surface of the component;
 - an insertion pin, including a trunnion portion on a first end and a ball on a second end of the insertion pin opposite of the first end, the ball coupling with the anchorage part as a ball joint held by the holder, such that the insertion pin is adjustable at least in at least ~~the~~ the Z-translational direction in relation to ~~the~~ the surface of the component ~~and mates to a receiver coupled to the structure; and the insertion pin has a trunnion portion;~~
 - a receiver, the receiver ~~[[is]]~~ being of an elastically deformable soft material and having a first recess, the first recess being contoured for receiving ~~[[a]]~~ the trunnion portion of the insertion pin, providing a snap connection between the receiver and the insertion pin and, the receiver includes a support flange; ~~the support flange being capable of coupling with the~~ a second retainer coupled to the component mounted on the structure such that the support flange of the receiver fits flat against the second retainer~~[[,]]~~ and is adjustably held and attachable in an XY-plane substantially perpendicularly in relation to the Z-translational direction; and
 - a means for locking the support flange within the second retainer, wherein the means for locking locks the support flange within the second retainer when activated.
2. (Currently amended) The connection element of claim 1, wherein the means for locking includes a locking device activated when the trunnion portion of the insertion pin is snapped into the first recess of the receiver. ~~further comprising a locking device, wherein the insertion pin activates the locking device, firmly clamping the support flange within the retainer mounted on the structure, when the insertion pin is snapped in the recess of the~~

receiver, wherein the locking device comprises a mechanical mechanism or a hydraulic mechanism.

3. (Currently amended) The connection element of claim 1, wherein the receiver includes further comprising a second recess contoured for receiving the trunnion portion of the insertion pin and the second recess is, the second recess being disposed at a distance from the first recess in the Z-translational direction, such that when the trunnion portion of the insertion pin is received in the second recess, the support flange remains adjustable in the XY-plane and when the trunnion portion is snapped from the second recess into the first recess, then the means for locking locks the support flange in the XY-plane.
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7. (Previously presented) The connection element of claim 1, wherein the retainer includes a retention plate and the support flange of the receiver is capable of being retained by the retention plate.
8. (Currently amended) The connection element of claim 1, further comprising a U-shaped clamp, wherein the receiver including an anchor bracket includes at least one anchorage, and the U-shaped clamp is insertable into the anchor bracket upright anchorage such that the trunnion portion is capable of being secured by the U-shaped clamp and the anchor bracket in the first recess.
9. (Currently amended) The connection element of claim 1, wherein the soft material of the receiver is an elastomer.

10. (Previously presented) The connection element of claim 2, wherein the locking device includes an intermediate pin, and the intermediate pin contacts the insertion pin, when the insertion pin is inserted in the first recess, such that the intermediate pin firmly clamps the support flange within the retainer.